

Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend claims 2 and 8. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.. (Cancelled): We claim that the Snap Bat allows both baseball and softball hitters and their coaches or parents to hear if they are making a proper swing with full extension at the point of ball contact.

2. (currently amended): A lightweight batting training device for determining whether maximum bat speed is achieved by a hitter at the point at which a baseball/softball makes contact with a bat to develop a full extension during swing of the bat comprising:

a. a hollow, open-ended outer tube of uniform inner and outer diameter for its full length;

b. a hollow handle having a hollow inner end of uniform inner and outer diameter for its full length, having an open inner end abutting an inner end of said hollow outer tube and into which said hollow outer tube inserts and a closed outer end;

c. a solid plug affixedly attached within inside of an outer end of said hollow outer tube opposite to the said closed outer end of said handle inner end;

d. an end cap covering an outer end of said solid plug and secured to the said outer end of said hollow outer tube; and

e. a hollow sliding inner tube positioned inside and guided solely by said hollow outer tube, such that said hollow sliding inner tube may slide within and along the entire length of said hollow outer tube between the said outer end of said handle and said solid plug and create an audible sound at the time of said full extension.

3. (previously presented): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hollow outer tube is made of plastic.

4. (previously presented): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said handle is made of foam rubber.
5. (previously presented): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said solid plug is made of plastic.
6. (previously presented): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said end cap is made of plastic.
7. (previously presented): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said sliding inner tube is made of plastic.
8. (currently amended): A training and teaching method for determining when a baseball/softball player has executed full extension at the point of contact between a bat and a baseball/softball, by creating ~~a snapping~~ an audible sound corresponding to such full extension and based on use of a lightweight batting training device comprising:
- a. a hollow open-ended outer tube of uniform inner and outer diameter for its full length;
 - b. a hollow handle of uniform inner and outer diameter having a hollow inner end into which an inner end of said hollow outer tube inserts and a closed outer end;
 - c. a solid plug affixedly attached within ~~inside of~~ an outer end of said hollow outer tube opposite to the said closed outer end of said handle;
 - d. an end cap covering an outer end of said solid plug and secured ~~attached~~ to the said outer end of said hollow outer tube; and
 - e. a hollow sliding inner tube of uniform diameter positioned inside and guided solely by said hollow outer tube and slidable along and within the entire length of said hollow outer tube between the said outer end of said handle and said solid plug and operative to create ~~a snapping~~ said audible sound when said device has been properly swung to achieve said full extension.

9. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hollow outer tube for said device is made of plastic.

10. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handle for said device is made of foam rubber.

11. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the solid plug for said device is made of plastic.

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12. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the end cap for said device is made of plastic.

13. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hollow sliding inner tube for said device is made of plastic.
